### A-6146

Variance Request

Reconstruct the steps leading to the front porch. The proposed reconstructed steps would extend an additional one foot, one inch (1'-1") beyond the existing steps for a maximum encroachment of six feet, eight inches (6'- 8") forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front building restriction line.

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Shuren 108 Hesketh Street

## 108 Hesketh Street



Figure 1: View of 108 Hesketh Street. The front wall of the house at the steps is located twenty-one (21) feet from the front property line. The existing steps extend an additional one-foot, seven inches (1'-7"), for a total existing encroachment of five feet, seven inches (5'-7") forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front BRL.



Figure 2: View of the front steps. The variance request is to reconstruct the steps, increasing the encroachment by one foot, one inch (1'-1") for a total encroachment of six feet, eight inches (6'-8").

# CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will hold a public hearing on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Chevy Chase Village Hall at 5906 Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

#### APPEAL NUMBER A-6146 Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Shuren 108 Hesketh Street CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND 20815

The applicants seek a variance from the Board of Managers pursuant to Section 8-11 of the Chevy Chase Village Building Code to reconstruct the steps leading to the front porch. The proposed reconstructed steps would extend an additional one foot, one inch (1'-1") beyond the existing steps for a maximum encroachment of six feet, eight inches (6'-8") forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front building restriction line.

#### The Chevy Chase Village Code § 8-17 (c) states:

No structure or play equipment of any description shall be erected within twenty-five (25) feet of the front line of any lot.

Additional information regarding this appeal may be obtained at the Chevy Chase Village Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, may be viewed on the Village website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov or you may contact the office for this information to be mailed to you.

This notice was mailed to abutting and confronting property owners on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

Chevy Chase Village Office 5906 Connecticut Avenue Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 301-654-7300

#### CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE BOARD OF MANAGERS JUNE 11, 2012 MEETING

#### STAFF REPORT

TO:

**BOARD OF MANAGERS** 

FROM:

ELLEN SANDS, PERMITTING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR

DATE:

6/7/2012

SUBJECT:

HEARING OF APPEAL CASE NO. A-6146 VARIANCE REQUEST

MR. & MRS. JEFFREY SHUREN, 108 HESKETH STREET

RECONSTRUCT THE STEPS LEADING TO THE FRONT PORCH. THE PROPOSED

RECONSTRUCTED STEPS WOULD EXTEND AN ADDITIONAL ONE FOOT, ONE INCH (1'-1") BEYOND THE EXISTING STEPS FOR A MAXIMUM ENCROACHMENT OF SIX FEET, EIGHT INCHES (6'-8") FORWARD OF THE TWENTY-FIVE FOOT FRONT BUILDING RESTRICTION

LINE.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS: Abutting Owners; Public Notice

#### APPLICABLE CHEVY CHASE BUILDING REGULATION:

#### The Chevy Chase Village Code § 8-17 (c) states:

No structure or play equipment of any description shall be erected within twenty-five (25) feet of the front line of any lot.

#### FINDINGS REQUIRED:

- 1. The proposed variance is required because special conditions exist whereby the enforcement of the requirements of the Village Building Code would result in an unwarranted hardship and injustice to the owner.
- 2. The proposed variance will most nearly accomplish the intent and purpose of the requirements of the Village Building Code; and
- 3. Except for variances from the requirements of Sections 8-22, 8-26 or Article IV of the Village Regulations, the structure authorized by the proposed variance would not violate any covenant applicable to the property.

#### APPLICABLE COVENANTS:

A covenant applicable to the Subject Property imposed by the Chevy Chase Land Company provides that the property is "Subject to a fifteen foot building restriction line as shown on said plat."

Additionally however, the covenants state:

"That no structure of any description shall be erected within twenty-five (25) feet of the front line of said premises and that no stable, carriage house, shed or out-building shall be erected except on the rear of said premises."

#### FACTUAL AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The front wall of the main body of the house is located approximately twenty-one (21) feet from the front property line. The existing steps extend an additional one foot, seven inches (1'-7") beyond that for a total encroachment of five feet, seven inches (5'-7") forward of the front twenty-five (25) foot building restriction line.

The proposed steps would encroach an additional one foot, one inch (1'-1") beyond the existing steps, for a total encroachment of six feet, eight inches (6'-8").

In previous cases the Board has determined that if uncovered steps and stoops were constructed at the time that the covenants applicable to the property were placed, or shortly thereafter, then it is presumed that the covenant authors did not intend those protrusions to be classified as "structures" for the purposes of the covenants.

In previous cases the Board has found that the covenant authors did not intend certain uncovered steps and stoops to be deemed "structures" for the purposes of the front covenant setback, where such uncovered steps and stoops are installed as a matter of necessity to address the change in elevation from the ground to the entrance of a house and which steps and stoops are the minimum necessary to provide reasonable access.

The renovation of the steps is part of a larger hardscape project that includes replacing the front walkway, reconstructing the steps to the sidewalk and constructing a new pair of cheekwalls with a railing along each side of the reconstructed steps to the sidewalk (see special permit request Case A-6147 a & b).

There are no tree protection issues regarding the project.

To date there have been no letters received from abutting or confronting neighbors regarding the project.

Applicable Fees: Variance Application Fee: \$150.00; Total for the entire project: \$350.00

#### **RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

In May 2005 Mr. & Mrs. Justin Bausch of 12 East Lenox Street were granted a variance to extend the uncovered steps leading to the front porch. The applicants cited the same safety concerns such as steep risers which did not meet County Code requirements as in this case. A difference in the Bausch case was that the covenants were worded to prohibit "any stable, carriage houses or shed" forward of the 25-foot covenant setback, rather than the more standard language prohibiting "structure[s] of any description" forward of that setback. In December of 2010, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Maruszewski of 127 Grafton Street were granted a variance to enlarge a nonconforming stoop, which violated applicable covenants, and which would encroach five feet, six inches (5'-6'') forward of the 25-foot covenant setback, an additional two feet, eleven inches (2'-11") farther than the existing stoop. In December 2010, Mr. Gregory L. Dixon and Ms. Susan F. Dixon, Co-Trustees of the Gregory L. Dixon Revocable Trust and the Susan F. Dixon Revocable Trust, of 5500 Montgomery Street, were granted a variance to expand their front stoop that would extend three (3) feet forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front building restriction line. In January of 2011, Case A-5854, Joanne Kyros and Thomas Schaufelberger of 135 Grafton Street were granted a variance to enlarge an existing non-conforming stoop with steps (all of which violated applicable covenants) and construct three (3) treads that would encroach five (5) feet forward of the 25-foot covenant setback, an additional two (2) inches farther than the existing treads. In February of 2012, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Marino, of 11 Primrose Street, were granted a variance to relocate and construct non-conforming front steps, leading to a porch. Both the porch and the existing steps violated an applicable 25-foot front setback covenant. The proposed steps would encroach twelve feet, eight inches (12'-8") in front of the 25-foot front setback line, an additional ten (10) inches beyond the existing steps. In April of 2012 Mr. & Mrs. D. Blake Bath were granted a variance to reconstruct the front steps and add an additional step leading from the front walkway to the front porch. The existing steps violated an applicable 25-foot front setback covenant. In May of 2012 Dr. & Mrs. Charles Bahn were granted a variance to reconstruct the front steps from the front walkway to the front porch, adding one tread.

#### **Draft Motion**

I move to direct staff to draft a decision **APPROVING/DENYING** the variance request in case A-6146, based on the findings that ...



#### MAILING LIST FOR APPEAL A-6146 & A-6147

MR. & MRS. JEFFREY SHUREN 108 HESKETH STREET CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

Adjoining and confronting property owners	8
Ms. Ann Hartman &	Ms. Dorothy Snider &
Mr. David Lawrenz	Mr. Robert C. Snider, Jr.
Or Current Resident	Or Current Resident
107 Hesketh Street	105 Hesketh Street
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Schwartz	Ms. Mary E. Burfisher &
Or Current Resident	Mr. Bruce D. Jacobs
106 Hesketh Street	Or Current Resident
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	110 Hesketh Street
	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Ms. Constance B. Lohse &	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Meltzer
Mr. Robert G. Brewer, Jr.	Or Current Resident
Or Current Resident	107 Grafton Street
105 Grafton Street	Chevy Chase, MD 20185
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
Mr. & Mrs. Mark B. Pape	Chevy Chase Club
Or Current Resident	Or Current Occupant
109 Grafton Street	6100 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Chevy Chase, MD 20815

I hereby certify that a public notice was mailed to the aforementioned property owners on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

**Ellen Sands** 

Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator

**Chevy Chase Village** 

5906 Connecticut Avenue

Chevy Chase, MD 20815



May 31, 2012

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Shuren 112 Hesketh Street Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Shuren:

Please note that your requests to reconstruct the front steps at your property and to reconstruct the steps, adding one tread, and constructing a pair of cheekwalls terminating twelve (12) inches from the sidewalk in front of your property are scheduled before the Board of Managers on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Either you or another representative must be in attendance to present your cases. At that time, additional documents may be introduced and testimony can be provided in support of the requests.

For your convenience, enclosed please find copies of the Public Hearing Notices and mailing list. Please contact the Village office in advance if you are unable to attend.

Sincerely,

Ellen Sands

Permitting and Code Enforcement

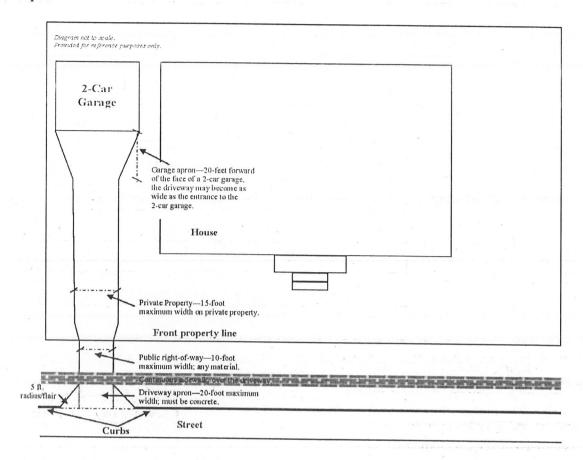
Chevy Chase Village

**Enclosures** 

## Chevy Chase Village

# **Building Permit Application for Driveways and Other Features at Grade**

Permit No:
Property Address:
108 Hesheth street
Resident Name: Allison and Jeff Shuren
Daytime telephone: 202-942-6525 Cell phone: 202-731-0689
After-hours telephone: 301.654.2558
E-mail: allison. shuren eaporter-com
Primary Contact for Project:
Resident Architect Project Manager Contractor*  *MHIC/MD Contractor's License No. (required):
Contractor Contact Information:
Name: A+Wlandscaping / Patricia Hiller or Alan Walcoff
Daytime telephone: 301-610-9330fter-hours telephone: Same
E-mail: plmiller company e mindspring con Alaneawlandscapes. com
Check all that apply:
Driveway (If a new curb cut is required, note additional fee.)
Walkway
Patio, terrace, or deck at grade
Check all appropriate boxes:
Feature is: ☐ new;
an enlargement of an existing feature; and/or
□ being relocated.
Feature is a replacement in-kind and in the same location.
Description of project: (1) And Replace front walkway 1-steps. Add handrailing (2) enlarge width of front walkway by a faw inches. (3) Add irrigation system. (9) add landscape lighting.
To be completed by Village staff:
Is this property within the historic district? Yes (No) Staff Initials:
Date application filed with Village: 5 23 2 Date permit issued: Expiration date:



## **Building Permit Application Filing Requirements**

Application will not be reviewed until the application is complete

	Copy of stamped approved plans from Montgomery County.
	This application form, signed by resident.
	Boundary Survey
	Site Plan (see: Village Site Plan Checklist to ensure completeness) showing exact location of existing and proposed features.
	Tree Preservation Plan requested of Village arborist (see: Village Tree Inspection Request form) All
	required tree protections must be fully installed before any work begins.  Filing Fee (due at time of application). Fee schedule is listed in Chapter 6 of the Village Code.  Damage deposit or performance bond (due when permit is issued). Amount will be set by Village Manager.
One	ce this permit application is complete the Village Manager III

Once this permit application is complete, the Village Manager will review the application and accompanying documents and, under most circumstances, act on the application within 5 to 10 working days. If the Montgomery County permit is suspended, revoked or lapsed, the Village permit is automatically suspended, revoked or lapsed. No signs advertising any service provider may be posted on the work site.

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, that I have read and understood all requirements and that the construction will conform to the regulations of the Montgomery County Zoning Code, the Village Code including Urban Forest code, and any covenants and easements on the subject property.

Applicant's Signature: <u>Aura Shur</u> Date: <u>5/20/201</u>2

Chevy Chase Village Building Permit Application for Driveways and Other Features at Grade

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For Use By Village Manager	Application approved with the following conditions:			
MAY 3 0 2012  Chevy Chase Village Manager	Application denied for the following reasons:  Dana Sout The proposed reconstructions would appeared the fund Sethack ancroculationary.			
Filing Fees (due when application submitted Permit Filing Fee:  \$30.00 (if new, enlarged or reloce \$15.00 (if a replacement in-kind in the same location)  \$50.00 for new curb cut.  \$50.00 for construction in the purght-of-way.  Tree Preservation Plan Fee:  \$250.00  Not required for this project	5906 Connecticut Ave. Chevy Chase, MD 20815 and			
TOTAL Fees:	Date: 5/21/12 Staff Signature: Gllen San O			
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## **Chevy Chase Village**

## **Application for a Variance**

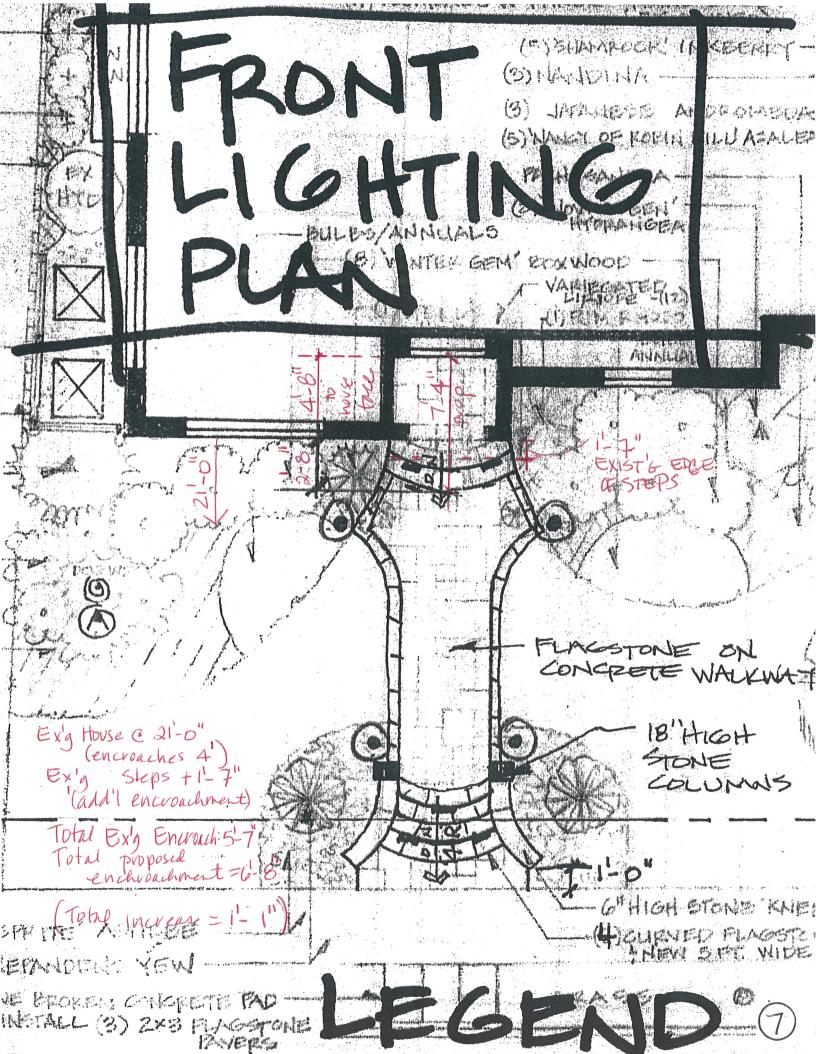
A variance is permission granted to a landowner to depart from the specific requirements of the Village zoning ordinance and allows a landowner to use land differently than specified in the ordinance. The variance is a written authorization from the Board of Managers permitting construction in a manner not otherwise allowed by the Village Code.

Board of Managers permitting construction in a manner not otherwise allowed by the Village Code.
Subject Property: 108 Hesketh Street
Describe the Proposed Project: (1) replace front walkway - steps. Add 2 steps leading front public sidewalk to front house walkway. (2) add railing to steps.  Enlarge front walkway to allowing 2 people to walk side by side. (3) Add imagention system. (b) add landscape lighting.
Applicant Name(s) (List all property owners): Allison and Jeff Shuren
Daytime telephone: 202-942-6525 Cell: 202-731-0689
E-mail: allison. shuren @ aporter.com
Address (if different from property address):
For Village staff use: Date this form received: 5/23//2 Variance No: A 6/46
Filing Requirements:
Application will not be accepted or reviewed until the application is complete
Completed Chevy Chase Village Application for a Variance (this form)
Completed Chevy Chase Village Building Permit Application
A boundary survey or plat diagram with a margin of error of one tenth of a foot or less showing all existing structures, projections and impervious surfaces.
Surveys, plats, engineering reports, construction plans/specifications or other accurate drawings showing boundaries, dimensions, and area of the property, as well as the location and dimensions of all structures/fences/walls/etc., existing and proposed to be erected, and the distances of such structures/fences/walls/etc., from the nearest property lines. These drawings shall incorporate and display
reference dimensions from the boundary survey or plat diagram required above.
Copy of Covenants applicable to the property except for variances from Sections 8-22, 8-26 or Article IV of Chapter 8 of the Chevy Chase Village Code. If there are no covenants, provide a letter from an attorney or the title insurance carrier stating that there are no covenants.
Variance fee (See fee schedule listed in Chapter 6 of the Village Code).
Affidavit  I hereby certify that I have the authority to submit the foregoing application, that all owners of the property have signed below, that I have read and understand all requirements and that I or an authorized representative will appear at the scheduled public hearing in this matter. I hereby authorize the Village Manager, or the Manager's designee, and/or the Board of Managers to enter onto the subject property for the purposes of assessing the site in relation to this variance request. I hereby declare and affirm, under penalty of perjury, that all matters and facts set forth in the foregoing application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
Applicant's Signature:  Applicant's Signature:  Date: 5/20/2  Date: 20/2

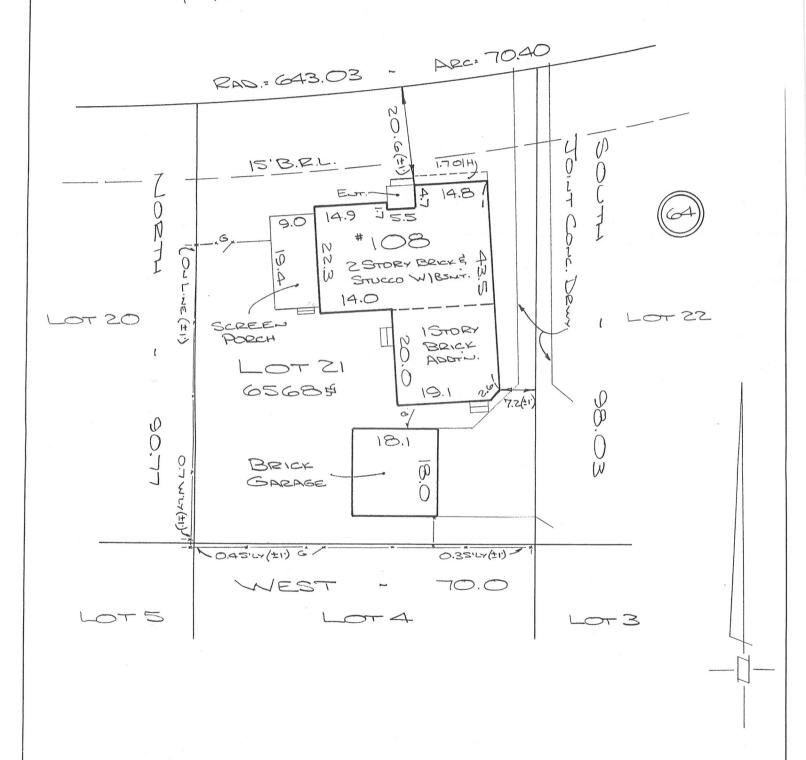
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state highway, etc.) and how the property  The property has a sloping to	compares to other properties	in the Village:
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This is not to code. Most of t	he house on our side	of the street have more
than 2 stairs + a railing.		
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In exercising its powers in connection with Managers may reverse or affirm, wholly determination as it deems appropriate.	th a variance request, the Ch	evy Chase Village Board of
Variance Filing Fee  Per Village Code Sec. 6-2(a)(24):	Checks Payable To:  Date Paid: 5/23/12  Staff Signature: Glune	Chevy Chase Village 5906 Connecticut Ave. Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Fee Paid: #150.00		





HESKETH STREET



Capitol Surveys, Inc. 10762 Rhode Island Avenue

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NOTES: Plat is of benefit to a consumer only insofar as it is required by a lender or a title insurance company or its agent in connection with contemplated transfer, financing or re-financing; the plat is not to be relied upon for the establishment or location of fences, garages, buildings, or other

"4. That any house erected on said premises shall be designed for the occupany of a single family, and no part of any house or of any structure appurtenant thereto shall be erected or maintained within 5 feet of the side lines of said lot, nor within 10 feet of the nearest adjacent house . -

"5. That a violation of any of the aforesaid covenants and agreements may be enjoined and the same enforced at the suit of The Chevy Chase Land Company, its successors or assigns, (assigns including any person deriving title mediately or immediately from said company to any lot or square in the section of the subdivision of which this lot forms a part)".

Together with the buildings and improvements thereupon, erected, made or being; and all and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages, to the same belonging or in any way appertaining.

To Have and to Hold the said piece or parcel of ground and premises above described or mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed, together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or apportaining unto and to the only proper use, benefit and behoof forever of the said parties of the second part.

And the said parties of the first part covenant that they will warrant specially the property hereby conveyed; that they are seized of the land hereby conveyed; that they have a right to convey said land; that the said parties of the second part shall quietly enjoy said land; that they have done no act to encumber said land other than appears of record; and that they will execute such further assurances of said land as may be requisite.

In Testimony Whereof, the parties of the first part have hereunto subscribed, their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first hereinbefore written. Signed, scaled and delivered David H.Baldwin Sr. (Scal) in the presence of Charlotte G. Baldwin (Seal)

E. Boy Hill

(Internal Revenue \$24.20)

(State Tax \$24.20)

District of Columbia, to wit:

I, E. Roy Hill, a Notary Public in and for the said District of Columbia, do hereby certify that David H. Baldwin, Sr., and Charlotte G. Baldwin parties to and who are personally well known to me as the persons who executed the foregoing and annexed Deed bearing date on the 23rd day of January, 1948, personally appeared before me in said District, and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of January, 1948.

E. Roy Hill Notary Public D. C.

E. Roy Hill Notary Public District of Columbia

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This Deed Made this 22nd day of January, A. D. 1948, by and between 89 Mr Cecelia M. Baum Norcross and John A. Norcross, her husband, parties of the first part, and

Alfred H. Lawson and Herbert W. Primm parties of the second part. Whereas, the said Cecepa M. Baum Norcross is justly indebted to Washington Home for Foundlings, in the full sum of Twelve Thousand and No/100 Dollars